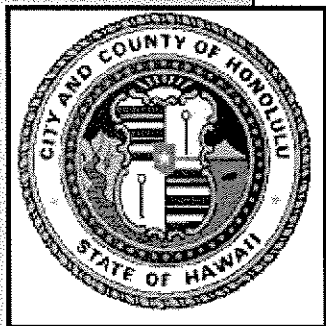


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DISTRICT II

KAHALU'U * KO'OLAULOA * NORTH SHORE * WAHIAWA * MILILANI MAUKA



COUNCIL CALENDAR 2007 Committee Meetings:

Wednesday, September 19
Next full Council meeting

Tuesday, September 25
Zoning - 9 am
Planning and Sustainability - 1 pm

Wednesday, September 26
Budget - 9 am
Executive Matters - 1 pm
Affordable Housing and Economic Development - 3 pm

Thursday, September 27
Transportation and Public Works - 9:30 am
Intergovernmental Affairs - 1 pm
Public Health Safety and Welfare - 2:30 pm

Council Addressing Hurdles to Affordable Housing

Oahu residents sent a clear message that they wanted to change the status quo on affordable housing when they approved City Charter Amendment 3 last November. This amendment designates that a minimum of one percent of real property tax revenues would be placed in two special funds, one of which would be known as the Affordable Housing Fund.

As a combined response to the need to administer the Fund and address the concerns of the community, Councilmember Dela Cruz has submitted a legislative package focused entirely on increasing, maintaining, and improving the affordable housing condition on Oahu. Legislation will address the following:

- Putting monies in the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) to work. These monies can be used by established businesses but also act as seed money for new entities willing to look at affordable housing in different ways.

In 2006 the City Council passed Resolution 06-031, which asked the City Administration to identify city lands available and suitable for affordable housing development. Such land could be developed in part as a community land trust similar to the Homestead Community Land Trust in Seattle.

These properties could also serve as 'labs' for developing new approaches to affordable housing in Hawaii. We have an untapped crop of motivated and innovative engineers, architects, cultural practitioners, and community activists that have the ability, and will, to address housing from a multidisciplinary approach (Resolution 07-272, 07-273).

- Ensuring that once built, affordable units remain affordable. Once constructed, the city should require that those purchased affordable units remain affordable for at least 30 years, rentals for 45 years. Should units be resold, they must be at an affordable rate.
- Creating 'density bonus' by allowing developers to build an additional ten percent of units in exchange for adding affordable units to new resi-

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residential developments. This has been one of the most effective methods in other metropolitan areas to stimulate growth of the affordable housing market.

- Proposing a limit on real property tax increases for properties designated as long-term affordable rentals. We also propose giving a real property tax break to qualified owners of affordable rental housing by offering an affordable rental housing exemption up to \$80,000 dollars.

Additional incentives for developers of affordable units include waiving sewer and water fees, waiving building permit fees, and/or fast track permitting (Resolution 07-274, Bill 66).

- Setting a policy for the City that discourages developers from opting out of constructing affordable units by paying 'in-lieu fees'. Such fees currently being collected will also be directed into the Affordable Housing Fund with the expressed purpose of encouraging building, maintenance, and acquisition of affordable housing (Resolution 07-275, 07-276).
- Urging the Administration to adopt the recommendations of the Mayor's task force on affordable housing completed in April 2006 .

While there is no silver bullet for ending the affordable housing crunch on Oahu, we believe this package of legislation will contribute to relief. Councilmember Dela Cruz and his colleagues, look forward to a healthy debate over these and other affordable housing measures.

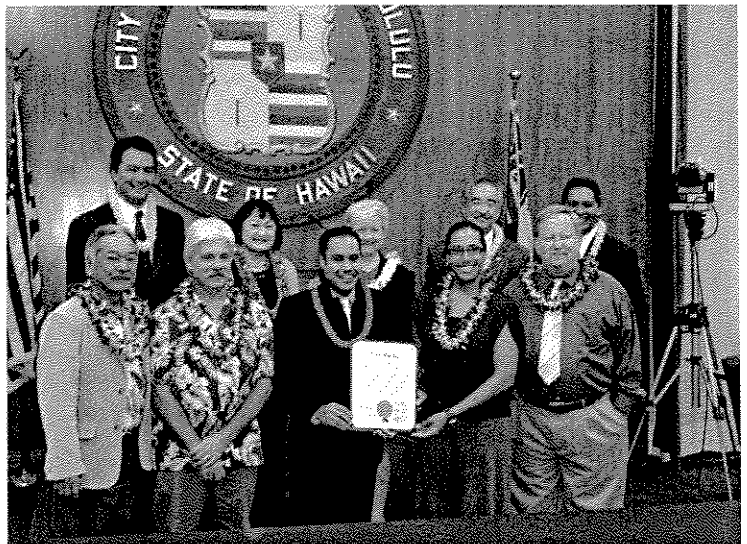
Please visit the City and County's Docushare website for full text of the bills/resolutions mentioned above : <http://www.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/HomePage>

KEY Project, Kahalu'u Honored at August City Council Meeting

Councilmember Dela Cruz, and the Honolulu City Council, honored KEY Project at the August City Council meeting. The Council recognized KEY for their long commitment to advocacy in the community as well as the many programs they sponsor.

Most recently KEY held a successful community clean-up day in conjunction with the islandwide Aloha Aina Recycling project. Proceeds from this year's event totaled \$4,800, a record for the recycling project, and will benefit many of KEY's programs, including the very popular summer cultural heritage program.

Pictured (L-R): Charles Toguchi, John Reppun, Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz, Leiana Manutai, and Daniel Bender.



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Councilmember Dela Cruz's Community Website Up and Running

Councilmember Dela Cruz is pleased to have a web page that will be updated regularly with community and City Council news. The web page will also contain a digital copy of the monthly newsletter for people to peruse. In addition to the current month's newsletter, we will also be posting past newsletters in an archived folder.

Please take a few minutes to look at information that is currently posted – we have provided important information regarding updates to the real property tax code. In June, the City Council passed several measures adjusting the exemptions on real property tax based on particular income and age criteria.

Visit the new page at this address: <http://www.honolulu.gov/council/d2/cd2delacruz.htm>

Fire Protection Legislation Introduced

Wildfires in Waialua which burned over 5000 acres prompted renewed focus on City efforts to prevent future fires from threatening residential areas and better equip the Waialua fire station with a support tanker.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz will call upon the Honolulu fire chief to adopt rules (Bill 64) requiring owners of agricultural land bordering residential property to maintain a fire-break, area devoid of combustible material, to prevent threats posed by wildfires to rural communities.

In addition, Councilmember Dela Cruz introduced Resolution 07-255 asking the Administration to expedite funding for the expansion and relocation of the Waialua fire station, as well as funding for a new fire tanker.

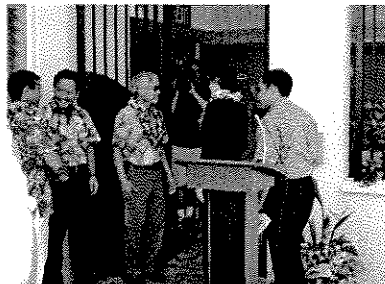
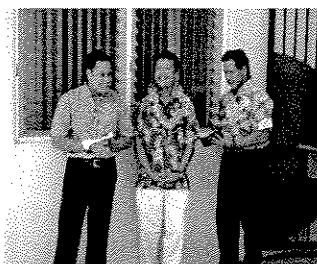
New Senior Housing Complex Opens in Wahiawa

Councilmember Dela Cruz joined Governor Lingle, Representative Oshiro, and other dignitaries to celebrate the grand opening of a 42-unit senior rental housing building in Wahiawa on August 13, 2007.

The project, called 220 California Avenue after its address, is for seniors at least 62 years old with annual incomes ranging from \$26,100 to \$29,800. The one-bedroom, one-bath units have a monthly rental rate of \$605.00, which includes parking and all utilities except telephone and cable.

The three-story complex includes secured entries, a picnic barbeque area, a recreation/meeting room, laundry facilities, guest parking and a victory garden.

The project, developed by California Dreaming Partnership, has been a collaborative effort between the state, private sector and government partners.



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Full Council Action Items

The following actions were taken by the City Council on Wednesday August 15, 2007

Third Reading:

Bill 46, CD1—Relating to the penalty for delinquent real property taxes.

Second Reading:

Bill 56, CD1—Intergovernmental relations.

Bill 52, CD1—Public infrastructure maps.

Bill 54—Waianae zone change.

Bill 55, CD1—Waipio zone change.

Bill 53, CD1—Ewa zone change.

First Reading:

Resolution 07-223—Initiating amendments to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, relating to the Prosecuting Attorney.

Bill 57—Relating to the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund. (Providing for the deposit of monies realized from sale of real property to this fund.)

Bill 58—Relating to taxicabs. (Addressing taxicab rates and regulations.)

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Bill 60—Relating to civil fines for violations of the ethics laws. (Implementing the amendments to Sections 11-106 and 11-107, Revised Charter of Honolulu, ratified by the voters in the 2006 general election that authorize the Ethics Commission to impose civil fines on elected City officers for violations of the Standards of Conduct.)

Bill 61—Relating to parking at the Civic Center. (Amending the parking fee schedule at the Civic Center and to allow employees who are eligible to apply for a parking permit at this facility to obtain a free monthly bus passes if they do not apply for or receive a parking permit.)

Bill 62—Relating to the revision of the boundaries of the Fort Street Mall Special Improvement District

Bill 63—Relating to solid waste. (Establishing a curbside recycling program; providing a monthly fee for households with once-a-week refuse and recycling collection that also require a second day per week of refuse collection; and providing a fee for damages to City provided carts caused by the owner and/or occupant.)

Resolutions

Resolution 07-221, CD1—Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit to the State Department of Transportation for highway improvements to Kalanianaʻole Highway, between Hawaii Kai Drive and Kea-hole Street, in Maunaloa, Oahu.

Resolution 07-229—Approving an extension of time to obtain building and grading permits for the Sunset Beach Agricultural Subdivision under the Special Management Area Use Permit granted by Resolution No. 02-211, CD1.

Resolution 07-207—Supporting the City's Comprehensive Curbside Recycling Pilot Program and the efforts by the Department of Environmental Services to limit refuse pickup when recycling exists as a viable option.

Resolution 07-232, CD1—Requesting Council authorization for the suspension of fares on TheBus for newly established community shuttle services (Route 501 Mililani Mauka and Route 504 Mililani South), for the period of Sunday, August 19, 2007, through Saturday, August 25, 2007.

Resolution 07-233, CD1—Resolution 07-233, CD1—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$1,122,000 between characters of expenditure required to meet current operating program needs of the Department of Information Technology for Fiscal Year 2008.)

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Resolutions:

Resolution 07-173, CD1—Amending the Rules of the Council to address the confidentiality of communications in Executive Session. (Rule 7)

Resolution 07-218, CD1—To amend the Rules of the Council relating to voting. (Rule 12)

Resolution 07-237—Relating to the appointment of Joan Manke to the Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink Commission.

Resolution 07-244—Requesting additional funds for payment of services performed by the law firm of Kobayashi Sugita & Goda under Contract No. C97133, relating to the Sand Island Headworks Project and other wastewater related construction projects awarded to Robison Construction, Inc. (now known as Parsons Corporation).

Resolution 07-245—Requesting additional funds for the payment of services performed by Special Counsel in the defense of Robert K.W. Lee, Jr.

Resolution 07-234—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City from Sun Global LLC. (Gift valued at \$5,000 of fiber optic cables to be installed between the Department of Medical Examiner's office and the Department of Health)

Resolution 07-211—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Department of Facility Maintenance from DM Pacific, LLC, for use as a back up generator for the City's communication sites and all City facilities. (Gift valued at \$17,000)

Resolution 07-213—Requesting the State government and the City Administration to enable and actively encourage eligible employees to take advantage of flexible work schedules to help alleviate traffic congestion during peak traffic hours.

Resolution 07-214—Urging the University of Hawaii at Manoa to adopt extended or off-peak hour class schedules to help alleviate traffic congestion during peak traffic hours.

Resolution 07-212—Relating to a contract between the Department of Health, State of Hawaii, and the Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu. (Glass Recovery Programs)

Resolution 07-216—Authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for and, if approved, accept and expend funds from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) under the Youthbuild Program and to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States Department of Labor for said funds.

Resolution 07-217—Authorizing the Directors of the Departments of Design and Construction, Facility Maintenance, Planning and Permitting, and Environmental Services, or their authorized representatives, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Manoa Watershed Project.

Resolution 07-222—Authorizing the Director of Community Services, or the Director's designee, to apply for, accept, and expend grant funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2007 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, and to enter into intergovernmental agreements related thereto.

District 2 Neighborhood Board Meeting Schedule July 2007

Koolauloa Neighborhood Board	Hauula Civic Center	8/9/07
Kahaluu Neighborhood Board	KEY Project	8/8/07
Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board	Mililani Mauka Elementary Cafeteria	8/21/07
Wahiawa Neighborhood Board	Wahiawa District Park	Recess
North Shore Neighborhood Board	John Kalili Surf Center	Recess

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Resolutions:

Resolution 07-231, CD1—Authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to enter into an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Hawaii to develop and manage an education and interpretative program for the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

Resolution 07-235—Approving the 4-Year Area Plan for the Programs on Aging under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 2006, and authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, accept, and expend State and Federal grant funds, and to enter into intergovernmental agreements, in support of this plan.

Resolution 07-210, CD1—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City for the Memorial Day Ceremonies held on May 28, 2007, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Resolution 07-227—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Honolulu Police Department from The Deputies for the Law Enforcement Explorers Program.

Resolution 07-228—Urging the Administration to update the master plan for Hanauma Bay.

Resolution 07-230—Renaming Chinatown Gateway Park The "Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park," accepting a gift of a memorial statue and installation from the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Hawaii Foundation, and approving the placement of the memorial statue and appropriate signage at the park.

Resolution 07-238, CD1—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City for the participation of the Royal Hawaiian Band in the 85th Maui County Fair Parade on Thursday, September 27, 2007.

Resolution 07-251—Authorizing the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to request the Governor of the State of Hawaii to release the funds that have been appropriated by the State Legislature.

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